

130A. MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS

130A.01. Definitions. Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following terms shall have, for purposes of Chapter 130A, the following meanings:

a. Motorized Golf Cart - a vehicle usually three or four wheeled which is self propelled and is designed to be used to provide transportation on a golf course.

b. Insurance - motor vehicle insurance which complies with the requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. § 65B.48, Subd. 5.

c. Slow moving vehicle emblem - a sign which complies with the requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. § 169.522.

d. Physically disabled person - any person meeting the criteria set forth in Minn. Stat. § 169.345, Subd. 2 that qualifies for a certificate allowing the person to park in a handicapped parking space.

130A.02. Limitations. Motorized golf carts may be operated within the limits of the City of Rochester but only as expressly provided in this section. Any use which is not expressly authorized by this section is prohibited.

130A.03. Operator Permits.

a. Persons wishing to operate motorized golf carts on public roadways must obtain a permit application from the city clerk. Permits shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.

b. Conditions for issuance of a permit are as follows:

1) Applicant must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of Minnesota or some other state or foreign country.

2) If applicant is physically disabled, applicant must submit a certificate signed by a licensed physician that applicant is able to operate a motorized golf cart on the roadways designated.

3) Applicant must submit a written description of the route which the applicant proposes to take from the place where the motorized golf cart is garaged to the golf course where applicant intends to use the motorized golf cart.

4) Applicant must submit a signed affidavit asserting that the motorized golf cart to be used has been equipped with a rear view mirror and a slow moving vehicle sign.

5) Applicant must submit a signed affidavit that the motorized golf cart is covered by insurance.

c. If an applicant satisfies the above described conditions, the city shall issue a permit.

130A.04. Operation.

a. A person who has been granted a permit shall have the permit in possession while operating the motorized golf cart.

b. Motorized golf carts shall only be operated on the specific roadways which shall be approved for use by resolution of the city council. Operators may cross any street or highway which intersects a designated roadway. Roadways which are approved shall be listed on the permit issued to the operator. In addition, a list of permit holders and the roadways on which they may drive their motorized golf carts shall be kept on file in the office of the city clerk.

c. Motorized golf carts may only be operated from sunrise to sunset. Motorized golf carts may not be operated during inclement weather or when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions or when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons and vehicles on the roadway at a distance of 500 feet.

d. Motorized golf cart operators must obey all traffic laws while operating a motorized golf cart which can reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts. However, Minn. Stat. 171.01-171.56 dealing with motor vehicle licensing provisions shall not apply. In addition, with the exception of Minn. Stat. § 169.70 requiring a rear view mirror, laws governing vehicle equipment also shall not apply.

130A.05. Penalties.

a. Violation of any of the requirements of this chapter is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or both.

b. In addition to any criminal sanctions, the permit may be revoked if any of the following conditions occur:

1) The city is notified by any court that a permit holder was convicted of violating a state or local traffic law other than a parking law while operating the motorized golf cart.

2) An applicant is found to have made fraudulent representations in a permit application.

3) The city is notified by a physician that the applicant can no longer operate the motorized golf cart safely.

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